

W. C. T. U. Column.

Through the courtesy of the Registrar, the space is granted to the W. C. T. U. It is edited by MARTHA J. FRANCIS, Local Press Superintendent, as appointed by the State Organizer, Mrs. L. LaMance.

W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS:
ORGANIZE! EDUCATE! AGITATE!

W. C. T. U. PRINCIPLES:

Total Abstinence; Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic; One Standard of Morals for Men and Women; Home Protection; Equal Suffrage; and the Teaching of Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

Temperance Mass Meeting at the Court House.

Despite the fact that the majority of the valley people are hard pressed with engagements just now, the lecture on Wednesday evening was well attended and the interest manifested was flattering to the temperance element.

Mrs. Lora S. LaMance, State Organizer and Lecturer, was introduced to the audience by Rev. Mr. Edwards, the newly called Presbyterian minister, and for one and one-half hours she held the attention of men, women and children. She did not preach a sermon, but based her address upon the scripture passage, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." An old subject? Yes—but vital and always interesting when presented in the forcible and logical manner of our last night's speaker. She gave a review of the early history of Missouri and emphasized the fact that until the home was established within her borders, no permanent settlement was effected—nothing abided. The evil of strong drink was traced back to those primitive days and the same deadly poison lurked in the Indian's gourd filled draught that sparkles from the glass goblet of modern times. She spoke pathetically of her visit to our state penitentiary and her five minutes' talk with one of the young men victims of strong drink.

She then illustrated by comparative ribbon lengths the annual expenditure of money by the people of the United States for certain purposes and commodities, the revenue from alcoholic liquors received and the amount of criminal costs. The long black ribbon representing the total for intoxicants was impressive and establishes a stain upon our citizenship and a line of mourning to the homes which fall under such influence.

Mrs. LaMance stated that it was absolutely necessary to make thirty-six states dry before a constitutional amendment could be adopted by Congress for National Prohibition. Nine have so voted and three vote this year, viz.: Missouri, Oregon and Florida. The work is in the hands of Generals and the marching orders are being obeyed. It is up to us to do our part towards lifting Missouri out of the wet into the dry. A W. C. T. U. organization was effected during the afternoon and Mrs. LaMance urged Iron county to wake up to the call of the hour. We belong to the wet eighteenth district, comprising the counties of Iron, Madison, Washington and Ste Genevieve. To break even in this district will require an effort on every temperance man, woman and child. Shall we make the effort? In the name of righteousness, good government and decent citizenship we say yes. Local conditions—without saloons—are enough to fire the blood of every loyal inhabitant of Arcadia Valley. We want the "big stick" to go right after Congress and with thirty-six dry states that stick will be in evidence, not in the hands of a Roosevelt, but gripped by thousands of American citizens, who will cry aloud for justice at the hands of our national government. Then let us rally to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Organize! Educate! Agitate!

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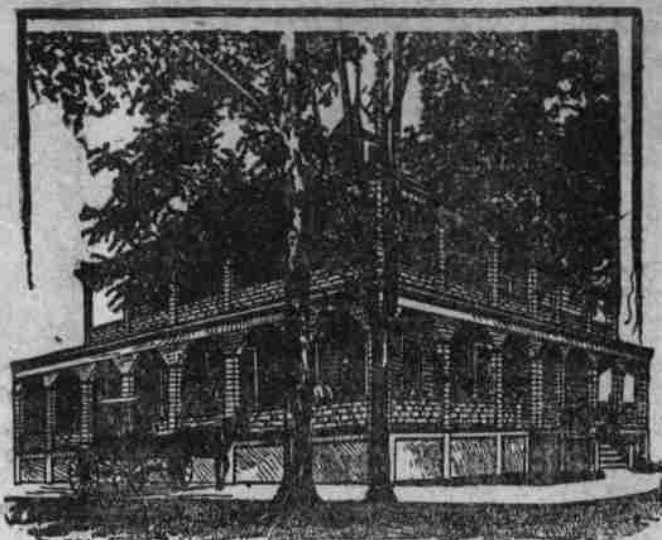
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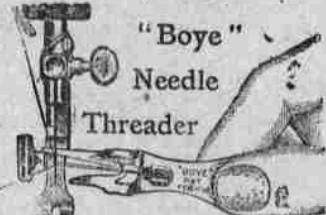
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